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Drugs, Make-Shift Weapons Recovered at Cape Vincent Correctional Facility

Suboxone Recovered from Inmate Package

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Cape Vincent, NY – A month removed from reporting the on-going problem of drugs coming into the medium security facility, staff recovered new drugs as well as three make-shift weapons as NYSCOPBA officials continue to push for the Secure Vendor Program.

On Wednesday, June 30, an officer processing inmate mail noticed irregularities in the tongue of a pair of sneakers after scanning them. The tongue was cut open and 42 orange strips of Suboxone were hidden inside.

The pair of Puma sneakers were mailed from Liberty, NY.

The drugs were seized as evidence.

On the same day, at approximately 6:15 p.m., an inmate passed through a metal detector three times and it indicated each time that he had metal in the area of his waistband. Staff brought the inmate outside for a pat frisk. During the frisk, an officer located a six inch metal ice pick type weapon.

After the discovery, the inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

In addition, staff recovered two weapons hidden in one of the housing dorms during a routine search. A metal cutting type weapon was recovered hidden under the lip of a locker in one of the cubes. The cube was not currently assigned to an inmate.

The second weapon recovered was a six inch metal ice pick type weapon sharpened on one side. The weapon was recovered from behind a bulletin board in the dorm.

“Contraband continues to be a significant problem in all of our prisons. Yet, DOCCS continues to ignore the issue and refuses to re-install the Secure Vendor Program. There is no reasonable explanation that the administration can provide not to and that certainly shortchanges our members and puts their safety at risk.” – said Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.